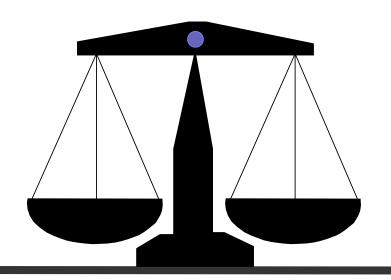
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## Message from Attorney General Ben Chandler

I would like to thank the Commission members for their input and dedication this past year. In today's changing economy, child support is needed more than ever and our Commission strives for answers to one of the most difficult questions, "how can we help".

As Chairman, I am proud to be involved in numerous projects that significantly improve the child support system in Kentucky. One of these projects is the Investigator Pilot Project which was established to reach some of the more difficult child support evaders by providing assistance with service, location and asset investigations. In 2002 over 2200 cases were resolved making it possible for thousands of children in Kentucky to receive the support they need and deserve.

Our Most Wanted poster was again a great success by assisting enforcement on 10 of the 14 parents sending the message that if you willfully do not support your children you will suffer the consequences.

This next year we will continue to work hard to foster accountability, efficiency and responsibility in the child support enforcement system while remembering that our children are Kentucky's future. The driving force behind the Child Support Enforcement Commission will always be Kentucky's children.



Attorney General

A. B. Chandler III

# A Message from Viola Miller, Secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children

The Child Support Program underwent a dramatic transition last year. In order to fully address the duplication of service issues we implemented one of the recommendations from the Policy Studies Incorporated Study of the Child Support Program. This recommendation called for all service delivery to be moved to the Contracting County Attorneys, Friends of the Court, and Special Prosecutors and for the state Regional office staff to perform a technical assistance role. Although this was a very complicated and difficult process, we were successful in transitioning service delivery functions to the Contracting Officials' with minimal confusion to custodial and non-custodial parents. With the state Regional office staff focusing on providing technical assistance to the Contracting Officials, we will be able to ensure that State and Federal Regulations are fully complied with and through case reviews, improve the quality of service in the Child Support Program.

These changes will bolster the continuing successes of the Child Support Program. Collections increased from \$295,349,196 to \$309,585,562. The percent of paternity establishment remained well above the national average at 82.5. Our joint effort with the Revenue Cabinet is receiving National recognition and will receive the Commissioner's Creative Use of Automation in Increasing Efficiency Award from the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. My congratulations to all child support professionals in Kentucky for a job very well done... my thanks to the Revenue Cabinet for their outstanding sense of partnership and teamwork.

In these difficult economic times, the Child Support Program needs to collaborate and expand efforts with other state agencies to use all resources available to support those that are most vulnerable, our children.

Sincerely,

Viola P. Miller

#### **Our Mission**



The Child Support Enforcement Commission was established by statute in 1988 by the Kentucky General Assembly. Located in the Office of the Attorney General, the Commission acts in an advisory capacity on child support issues to Governor, the General Assembly, the Cabinet for Families and Children, the Department of Law and the Administrative Office of the Courts. By holding quarterly open meetings, the Commission also provides a regular forum for those involved in the child support system to discuss aspects of the administrative or judicial system and to offer recommendations for improvements to the program.

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



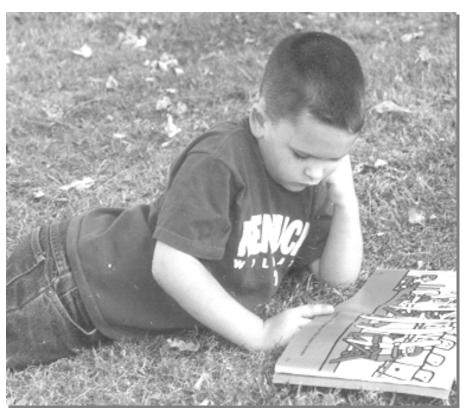
# Outreach and Response

Over 1,800 citizens contacted the Commission this year allowing issues to surface and many were resolved. The Commission was established in part as a forum to hear grievances and concerns and then attempt to make resolutions. Working with caseworkers, contracting officials, judges, law enforcement agencies and the courts has made these resolutions possible.

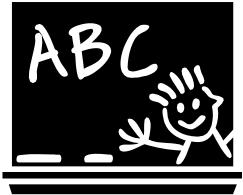
By using the internet, the Commission has created a new venue to inform parents about the child support enforcement program along with distributing informational pamphlets. The Commission staff has also provided information on child support issues to Judges and County Attorneys, and continues to encourage judicial involvement in policy issues relating to child support enforcement. In addition, the Commission has arranged for child support cases which could not be managed by county contracting officials, because of an apparent conflict, to be assigned to an Assistant Attorney General. At this time, approximately 660 such conflict cases are being handled by the Office of the Attorney General.

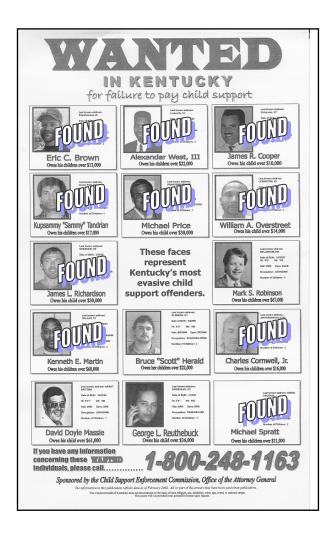


#### TRAINING FOR EVERYONE



The Commission sponsored training seminars for child support attorneys and other child support professionals presented by the National Child Support Enforcement Association. This training covered information on how to interpret tax returns, focusing on how income is derived and on case closure regulations and procedures. Tele-talks were used in a seminar format similar to a radio talk show where listeners engage in discussion by asking questions and making comments. By using this technology, we are able learn from other programs and professionals throughout the United States.





### **Most Wanted Campaign**

Enacted by the 2000 General Assembly, Senate Bill 218 requires the Commission to continue the Most Wanted Poster Program as a statutory mandate and to publicize the most egregious violators of child support orders. Sending the message that parents who willfully evade their child support will be pursued and held accountable. The poster is now updated on a yearly basis and is distributed statewide and via the Internet

Through the efforts of the Commission's investigators, county contracting officials, caseworkers, law enforcement agencies and a spirit of cooperation ten of the fourteen most wanted delinquent obligors listed on last year's poster have been located and compelled to appear in court.

### Most Wanted Campaign



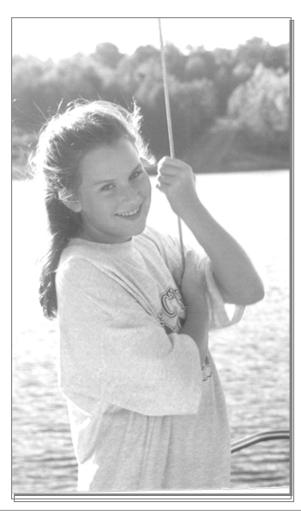
Strengthening our efforts to apprehend parents with the use of our "Most Wanted" poster, sends the strongest possible message that neglecting one's child support responsibilities will be seriously punished. The "FOUND" obligors have been replaced on the new 2003 poster.

#### WANTED ON THE WEB

http://www.law.state.kv.us/childsupport/wanted.htm

The Commission's Web site, listing the criteria for nominating evaders and information on nominees, has been a great success.

# A Very Successful Investigator Pilot Project



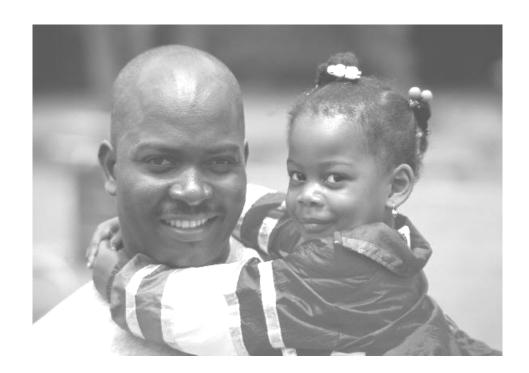
Implemented in 1998, the Commission, in cooperation with the Cabinet for Families and Children has four full time investigators covering most of Kentucky. The investigators work with local law enforcement to facilitate service of process for cases that have been unresolved through standard procedures. The Investigators also work with local contracting officials, the Division of Child Support, the State Parent Locator Section and the Commission to improve and expedite child support processes. In addition, the Investigators conduct asset investigations through surveillance and other techniques available by law.

Over 2200 Families were assisted in 2002 by the Investigator Pilot Project.

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FEBRUARY	55.8	190	223	211	75	16	6	65	39	15	0	4	128	11	50	0	0	4	0	32
MARCH	50	211	200	191	68	23	2	40	25	7	0	6	99	10	32	0	3	3	0	30
APRIL	51	257	203	192	48	17	11	78	44	32	0	6	112	17	69	0	5	2	0	53
MAY	49.3	200	197	187	55	12	0	57	34	14	0	0	93	3	44	0	0	4	0	27
JUNE	47.8	211	191	113	49	13		72	21	17	0	1	87	8	36	0	0	1	0	24
JULY	46.5	208	186	91	50	22	7	63	9	18	0	0	111	6	42	0	0	2	0	18
AUGUST	44	243	175	105	60	26	13	48	17	22	0	11	104	16	22	9		1	2	24
SEPTEMBER	45	172	180	106	29	0		30	11	17	0	3	26	8	19	2		1	0	7
OCTOBER	45	247	179	448	71	7	1	40	12	28	_	8	84	5	33			2	0	10
NOVEMBER	48.8	220	195	116	62	18	10	46	35	13		4	100	11	40	0		3	0	24
DECEMBER	28	88	112	88	37	6	1	30	8	12	0	1	50	2	22	0	0	0	4	11
YTD 2002	47	2458	2243	2045	668	168	60	629	267	223	1	45	1100	103	455	11	9	24	6	268
% Completed	YTD		91%	91%	30%	25%	3%	28%	12%	10%	0%	2%	49%	5%	20%	0%	0%	1%	0%	12%

# LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTATION



The Commission supported child support legislation during the 2002 General Assembly, in particular Senate Bill 133. This bill allows the Revenue Cabinet to enter annual memorandum of agreement with the Cabinet for Families and Children to collect child support obligations for up to 5 years with the same powers applied to delinquent tax collection. Also a resolution passed only by the Senate (SR 213) requesting the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary to examine and report on Kentucky's child support system. The committee is requested to study the appropriate economic basis for construction of child support tables.

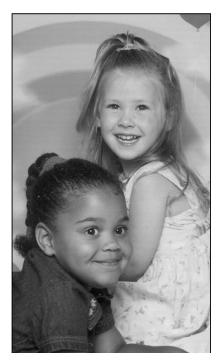


<sup>\*</sup>General Assembly Summary prepared in cooperation with the Child Support Division, Cabinet for Families and Children.

# Goals and Objectives for FY 2002 – 2003

The Commission has a statutory duty to make recommendations for improvement to the child support program and to play an active role in education and evaluating problem situations. Our goal for the year 2003 is to actively participate in Kentucky child support enforcement through the following:

- ◆ Foster public information/education through public forums, distribution of informational brochures and press releases.
- ◆ Increase circulation and use of the "Most Wanted" poster.
- ◆ Provide personal assistance and appropriate agency referral to those who contact us with grievances and complaints.
- ◆ Encourage or facilitate improved cooperation between all state agencies.
- Prepare and distribute annual report.

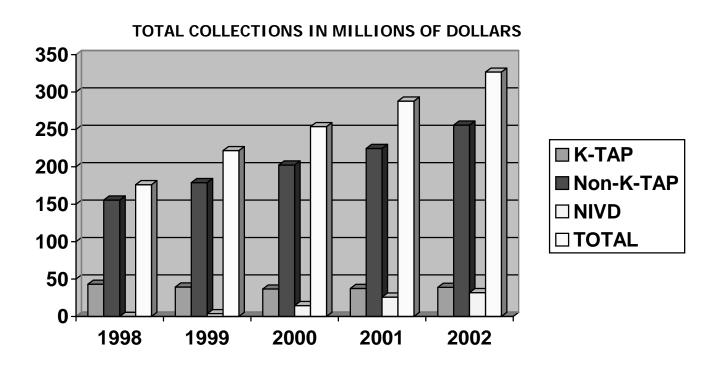


- ♦ Improve Investigator Pilot Project by:
  - Visiting contracting officials throughout Kentucky to assess program needs and successes.
  - Increase obligor compliance by locating fleeing felons.
  - Evaluate investigator activity through monthly reports and make recommendations for improvement.
  - Encourage service assistance by working with local law enforcement to expedite service of process.
  - Improve asset investigations.
  - Encourage the use of new enforcement tools available through legislative changes.



# **Kentucky Child Support Collections**

Child Support collections continued to increase last year. The efforts of the Division of Child Support and the contracting officials led to an astounding 30 million increase from the previous year. Due to Federal Regulations, Non-IV-D cases with wage assignments are also being reported through the Cabinet for Families and Children.



Federal Fiscal Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
K-TAP	\$43,053,916	\$39,304,297	\$36,684,801	37,358,131	\$38,913,104
Non-K-TAP	\$155,607,586	\$178,888,481	\$202,397,928	\$224,527,022	\$255,804,431
Non-IV-D	*	\$3,527,271	\$14,616,539	\$25,987,114	\$31,852,546

<sup>\*</sup>Non-IV-D Program initiated

# **County Program Statistics**

	JUNE 2002 % OF	JUNE 2002 % OF TOTAL #	JUNE 2002	
	OBLIGATIONS CASES PAYING	OF OPEN CASES WITH COURT	PATERNITY ESTABLISHED	SFY 2002 TOTAL
COUNTY	SUPPORT	ORDERS	RATIO	COLLECTIONS
Adair	64.83%	82.11%	89.12%	\$ 936,643.30
Allen	67.15%	81.57%	89.26%	\$ 1,546,203.36
Anderson	58.55%	83.91%	85.19%	\$ 1,170,889.90
Ballard	54.24%	66.37%	72.48%	\$ 724,853.80
Barren	59.15%	75.69%	85.63%	\$ 2,993,077.30
Bath	52.16%	50.58%	62.77%	\$ 772,073.58
Bell	54.96%	70.06%	81.96%	\$ 2,152,392.11
Boone	72.71%	89.71%	90.94%	\$ 11,392,741.39
Bourbon	48.56%	53.09%	66.52%	\$ 1,259,085.94
Boyd	45.81%	50.09%	61.52%	\$ 2,845,620.11
Boyle	52.62%	63.85%	75.08%	\$ 2,110,954.17
Bracken	55.56%	46.68%	57.39%	\$ 520,979.23
Breathitt	50.32%	45.73%	62.41%	\$ 1,068,066.08
Breckinridge	63.61%	73.04%	87.71%	\$ 1,415,876.89
Bullitt	51.60%	62.13%	70.28%	\$ 2,685,103.94
Butler	61.04%	79.83%	89.12%	\$ 958,162.08
Caldwell	55.34%	66.29%	78.07%	\$ 880,658.82

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Calloway	50.83%	50.87%	57.34%	\$ 1,513,092.90
Campbell	60.05%	77.70%	81.46%	\$ 9,586,224.10

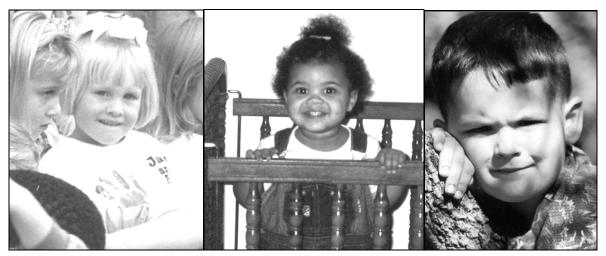
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	CASES PAYING	OF OPEN CASES	ESTABLISHED		
COUNTY	SUPPORT	WITH COURT ORDERS	RATIO	CC	TOTAL DLLECTIONS
Carlisle	51.14%		80.18%	\$	373,486.74
Carroll	57.48%		62.60%	\$	991,518.93
Carter	50.08%		78.58%	\$	1,911,335.50
Casey	52.05%		86.63%	\$	851,994.38
Christian	59.83%		84.15%	\$	7,166,226.00
Clark	48.74%		64.48%	\$	2,254,671.40
Clay	40.73%	58.34%	68.65%	\$	1,131,481.12
Clinton	50.66%	75.13%	79.29%	\$	580,199.04
Crittenden	62.10%	60.10%	80.49%	\$ \$	694,634.51
Cumberland	44.30%	43.53%	65.64%		305,118.53
Daviess	47.59%	76.51%	86.70%	\$	5,868,718.00
Edmonson	50.13%	42.15%	48.21%	\$	395,717.63
Elliott	40.52%	38.82%	62.11%	\$	234,862.25
Estill	49.85%	62.06%	78.06%	\$	842,928.07
Fayette	48.07%	73.31%	82.67%	\$	16,563,819.94
Fleming	56.10%	63.45%	73.79%	\$	914,160.70
Floyd	42.78%	54.22%	69.90%	\$	2,414,121.11
Franklin	56.11%	78.26%	85.68%	\$	3,509,375.91
Fulton	42.74%	61.64%	70.65%	\$	810,655.97
Gallatin	64.84%	83.08%	87.98%	\$	810,121.21
Garrard	52.61%	68.91%	71.83%	\$	774,617.47
Grant	60.13%	65.15%	73.97%	\$	2,382,185.38
Graves	56.04%	55.61%	71.85%	\$	2,391,880.78

Grayson	54.50%	56.73%	69.76%	1,780,292.43
Green	54.14%	75.91%	92.42%	\$ 542,513.76
Greenup	47.79%	56.93%	77.14%	\$ 1,848,770.09
Hancock	53.38%	62.76%	90.63%	\$ 564,840.14
Hardin	57.00%	67.05%	77.36%	7,396,981.18
Harlan	55.04%	67.98%	78.27%	\$ 2,310,916.72
Harrison	69.93%	86.68%	88.50%	\$ 1,887,695.68
Hart	56.26%	64.81%	83.49%	\$ 1,118,323.23
Henderson	58.69%	74.33%	85.90%	\$ 4,409,406.24
Henry	59.72%	66.42%	81.32%	\$ 1,555,106.83
Hickman	47.13%	69.55%	80.26%	\$ 323,543.68
Hopkins	54.48%	52.29%	72.98%	\$ 3,705,714.59
Jackson	45.64%	55.19%	50.35%	\$ 718,803.36
Jefferson	41.59%	53.06%	73.16%	\$ 59,330,395.03
Jessamine	48.31%	63.98%	71.79%	\$ 2,496,398.96
Johnson	50.26%	61.08%	74.39%	\$ 1,493,035.35
Kenton	59.09%	63.99%	70.12%	\$ 15,417,638.92
Knott	49.01%	47.58%	65.45%	1,023,152.81
Knox	47.20%	44.48%	54.29%	1,627,291.22
Larue	68.86%	80.72%	86.49%	1,501,988.91
Laurel	44.99%	45.50%	62.10%	\$ 2,359,577.97
Lawrence	47.30%	75.21%	83.10%	\$ 807,915.13
Lee	41.03%	71.20%	82.92%	\$ 508,544.77
Leslie	42.79%	62.43%	83.81%	\$ 701,996.89
Letcher	47.22%	46.11%	68.19%	\$ 1,290,396.39
Lewis	49.27%	52.68%	63.34%	\$ 644,106.26
Lincoln	55.34%	65.76%	75.56%	\$ 1,596,431.90
Livingston	65.45%	78.21%	81.82%	\$ 847,322.69
Logan	56.31%	86.20%	93.44%	\$ 2,202,604.31

	<b>JUNE 2002</b>	JUNE 2002		
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	<b>OBLIGATIONS</b>	OF OPEN CASES	PATERNITY	SFY 2002
	CASES PAYING	WITH COURT	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	TOTAL
COUNTY	SUPPORT	ORDERS	RATIO	COLLECTIONS
McCracken	43.16%		66.95%	\$ 3,764,031.07
McCreary	40.79%	54.41%	72.56%	\$ 1,062,761.80
McLean	64.38%	77.96%	82.32%	\$ 843,744.47
Madison	49.10%		63.80%	\$ 3,718,813.27
Magoffin	36.33%	52.69%	62.60%	\$ 547,779.05
Marion	55.91%	75.98%	86.93%	\$ 1,203,867.90
Marshall	57.19%	54.09%	58.27%	\$ 1,658,784.36
Martin	41.37%	48.22%	58.90%	\$ 805,078.01
Mason	54.67%	62.16%	71.88%	\$ 1,380,415.67
Meade	52.74%	63.28%	78.43%	\$ 1,905,762.31
Menifee	58.96%	61.54%	77.59%	\$ 396,145.80
Mercer	53.30%	57.07%	67.47%	\$ 1,297,568.35
Metcalfe	53.21%	79.45%	85.14%	\$ 523,654.08
Monroe	43.23%	47.58%	61.69%	\$ 389,709.71
Montgomery	54.66%	69.53%	77.49%	\$ 1,651,925.49
Morgan	53.91%	69.38%	73.08%	\$ 678,658.05
Muhlenburg	46.42%	62.95%	81.61%	\$ 1,330,738.16
Nelson	63.47%	57.50%	74.62%	\$ 2,650,907.22
Nicholas	59.19%	61.76%	77.23%	\$ 637,449.47
Ohio	55.63%	70.63%	84.09%	\$ 1,299,215.66
Oldham	67.30%	84.80%	87.94%	\$ 1,999,913.62
Owen	60.59%	85.75%	86.90%	\$ 890,100.70
Owsley	29.12%	46.67%	62.33%	\$ 243,504.81

Pendleton	62.77%	74.59%	79.86%	\$ 1,615,019.67
Perry	36.77%	55.33%	67.25%	\$ 1,768,365.71
Pike	49.22%	75.10%	85.51%	\$ 4,623,913.39
Powell	56.53%	76.14%	87.47%	\$ 1,567,507.64
Pulaski	58.04%	71.71%	77.79%	\$ 4,751,765.76
Robertson	49.31%	60.71%	80.77%	\$ 102,250.69
Rockcastle	47.91%	57.47%	65.48%	\$ 1,078,102.69
Rowan	54.42%	62.46%	75.34%	\$ 1,224,129.16
Russell	54.21%	64.73%	76.29%	\$ 1,102,866.94
Scott	52.93%	58.60%	75.40%	\$ 2,384,694.79
Shelby	55.08%	54.31%	71.95%	\$ 2,123,362.28
Simpson	56.54%	73.23%	79.16%	\$ 1,838,428.57
Spencer	51.31%	43.94%	45.63%	\$ 316,325.30
Taylor	52.83%	69.02%	86.25%	\$ 1,175,502.28
Todd	56.25%	60.84%	70.26%	\$ 541,780.13
Trigg	58.43%	77.62%	86.24%	\$ 921,993.94
Trimble	57.01%	65.66%	74.01%	\$ 646,109.81
Union	60.38%	83.60%	89.54%	\$ 1,879,224.28
Warren	46.95%	59.45%	72.09%	\$ 4,485,517.89
Washington	60.32%	72.89%	86.84%	\$ 503,805.74
Wayne	49.55%	52.29%	67.00%	\$ 846,557.87
Webster	53.32%	59.45%	75.68%	\$ 1,123,203.43
Whitley	39.45%	53.57%	68.51%	\$ 2,320,036.20
Wolfe	57.30%	50.15%	66.67%	\$ 664,709.11
Woodford	63.81%	78.41%	88.34%	\$ 1,478,380.20

Data from Cabinet for Families and Children, Division of Child Support



#### **Commission Members**

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED: Ex officio: Attorney General, who shall serve as Chairman; Secretary, Cabinet for Human Resources, who shall serve as Vice Chairman; Director of Administrative Office of the Courts; and Director of the Division of Child Support Enforcement or designee. Five members appointed by the Governor, as follow: 3 members from a list of 9 nominees submitted by the Kentucky County Attorney Association, with 1 of the 3 members representing either a first class or urban county government, and 2 citizen-at-large members.

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